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SUMMARY: DESPITE EVENING MAY 20 RADICAL ATTACK ON AIRPORT AND RELATED RADAR AND RADIO STATIONS, FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT NARITA AIRPORT COMMENCED SMOOTHLY MAY 21. FIRST ARRIVAL, JAL CARGO PLANE AT 0805, WAS TWO HOURS LATE, BUT OTHER FLIGHTS NOW LANDING ON SCHEDULE, AND FIRST U.S. CARRIER PASSENGER PLANE TOUCHED DOWN SAFELY AT APPROXIMATELY 1945. PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST TAKEOFF AT 0900 MAY 22 PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

1. FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT NARITA AIRPORT COMMENCED MORNING MAY 21 WITH UNEVENTFUL ARRIVAL OF JAL CARGO PLANE FROM SAN FRANCISCO AT 0805. FIRST TOUCHDOWN HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 0605, AND MAY HAVE BEEN DELAYED DELIB-ERATELY TO INSURE SECURITY, BUT ALL SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED ON TIME. CONTINENTAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 661, FIRST U.S. CARRIER, LANDED SAFELY AT APPROXIMATELY 1945 (0645 WASHINGTON TIME). FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY OFFICERS STATIONED AT AIRPORT REPORT AIR OPERATIONS AND CARGO AND PASSENGER HANDLING ON INITIAL DAY HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY EFFICIENT, AND THAT PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST TAKEOFF (JAL 1047) SCHEDULED FOR 0900 MAY 22 (2000 MAY 21 WASHINGTON TIME) AND FOR FIRST U.S. CARRIER TAKEOFF AT 0930 (CONTI-NENTAL AIRLINES 614 TO GUAM) PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

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2. NARITA FLIGHT OPERATIONS PROCEEDED MAY 21 DESPITE EFFORTS PREVIOUS EVENING OF RADICAL GROUPS TO PENETRATE AIRPORT DEFENSES AND DESTROY AIRPORT RADIO AND RADAR STATIONS SOME DISTANCE FROM AIRPORT. FOLLOWING BREAKUP IN LATE AFTERNOON OF MASS DEMONSTRATION (REFTEL), APPROXIMATELY 1300 RADICALS CARRYING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AND STEEL PIPES ASSEMBLED NEAR AIRPORT FIFTH GATE AT 1930 MAY 20. AFTER FAILING TO RAM THROUGH GATE WITH SMALL TRUCK, RADICALS BEGAN HURLING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT GATE AND POLICE GUARDING IT. TWENTY-FOUR POLICEMEN WERE INJURED, AND 49 RADICALS WERE ARRESTED. ALTHOUGH BLAZE BEFORE GATE CREATED FIERY SPECTACLE FOR MORNING MAY 21 PRESS, THERE WAS LITTLE DAMAGE EXCEPT TO ONE PRIVATE RESIDENCE NEAR GATE.

3. LATER SAME EVENING, TWO SEPARATE AND SMALLER GROUPS OF RADICALS ATTACKED SMALL AIR TRAFFIC RADAR STATION FIFTEEN KILOMETERS FROM NARITA AND LARGER RADIO BEACON STATION AT ONJUKU, ON PACIFIC COAST OF CHIBA PREFECTURE. IN FIRST ATTACK, WHICH BEGAN AT 2000, 120 RADICALS ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO RADAR COMPLEX IN TRUCKS. HOWEVER, AFTER DRIVING MOST OF THEIR VEHICLES INTO DEFENSIVE TRENCHES

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POLICE HAD DUG AROUND STATION, AND AFTER HURLING SEVERAL MOLOTOV COCKTAILS INTO STATION, RADICALS FLED ON FOOT. IN SECOND ATTACK AT 2200, BETWEEN TWENTY AND THIRTY RADICALS FORCED THEIR WAY PAST FIFTEEN POLICE GUARDS AND WRECKED TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT FOR RADIO BEACON SERVING HANEDA AND NARITA AIRPORTS. ALTHOUGH ALTERNATE SYSTEMS AT NARITA AIRPORT WERE ACTIVATED, PRESS REPORTED MAY 21 THAT REPAIR OF ONJUKU STATION WOULD TAKE THREE OR FOUR DAYS. MANSFIELD

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